

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 69, nays 30, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 111 Ex.]

YEAS—69

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| Baldwin | Hickenlooper | Peters |
| Bennet | Hirono | Portman |
| Blumenthal | Hoeven | Reed |
| Blunt | Inhofe | Romney |
| Booker | Johnson | Rosen |
| Braun | Kaine | Rounds |
| Brown | Kelly | Sanders |
| Cantwell | King | Schatz |
| Capito | Klobuchar | Schumer |
| Cardin | Leahy | Scott (SC) |
| Carper | Lujan | Shaheen |
| Casey | Manchin | Sinema |
| Collins | Markey | Smith |
| Coons | Marshall | Stabenow |
| Cortez Masto | McConnell | Sullivan |
| Duckworth | Menendez | Tester |
| Durbin | Merkley | Van Hollen |
| Feinstein | Moran | Warner |
| Gillibrand | Murkowski | Warnock |
| Graham | Murphy | Warren |
| Grassley | Murray | Whitehouse |
| Hassan | Ossoff | Wyden |
| Heinrich | Padilla | Young |

NAYS—30

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| Barrasso | Ernst | Risch |
| Blackburn | Fischer | Rubio |
| Boozman | Hagerty | Sasse |
| Burr | Hawley | Scott (FL) |
| Cassidy | Hyde-Smith | Shelby |
| Cornyn | Kennedy | Thune |
| Cotton | Lankford | Tillis |
| Crapo | Lee | Toomey |
| Cruz | Lummis | Tuberville |
| Daines | Paul | Wicker |

NOT VOTING—1

Cramer

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PETERS). The nays are 69, the yeas are 30.

The motion is agreed to.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 27, Merrick Brian Garland, of Maryland, to be Attorney General.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Richard Blumenthal, Christopher A. Coons, Patty Murray, Chris Van Hollen, Sheldon Whitehouse, Jeff Merkley, Brian Schatz, Cory A. Booker, Debbie Stabenow, Amy Klobuchar, Jon Ossoff, Alex Padilla, Benjamin L. Cardin, Sherrod Brown, Angus S. King, Jr., Tim Kaine.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination

of Merrick Brian Garland, of Maryland, to be Attorney General, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 70, nays 29, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 112 Ex.]

YEAS—70

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| Baldwin | Hassan | Peters |
| Bennet | Heinrich | Portman |
| Blumenthal | Hickenlooper | Reed |
| Blunt | Hirono | Romney |
| Booker | Inhofe | Rosen |
| Brown | Johnson | Rounds |
| Burr | Kaine | Sanders |
| Cantwell | Kelly | Schatz |
| Capito | King | Schumer |
| Cardin | Klobuchar | Shaheen |
| Carper | Lankford | Sinema |
| Casey | Leahy | Smith |
| Cassidy | Lujan | Stabenow |
| Collins | Manchin | Tester |
| Coons | Markey | Thune |
| Cornyn | McConnell | Tillis |
| Cortez Masto | Menendez | Van Hollen |
| Duckworth | Merkley | Warner |
| Durbin | Moran | Warnock |
| Ernst | Murkowski | Warren |
| Feinstein | Murphy | Whitehouse |
| Gillibrand | Murray | Wyden |
| Graham | Ossoff | |
| Grassley | Padilla | |

NAYS—29

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| Barrasso | Hawley | Sasse |
| Blackburn | Hoeven | Scott (FL) |
| Boozman | Hyde-Smith | Scott (SC) |
| Braun | Kennedy | Shelby |
| Cotton | Lee | Sullivan |
| Crapo | Lummis | Toomey |
| Cruz | Marshall | Tuberville |
| Daines | Paul | Wicker |
| Fischer | Risch | Young |
| Hagerty | Rubio | |

NOT VOTING—1

Cramer

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HICKENLOOPER). On this vote, the yeas are 70, the nays are 29.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Merrick Brian Garland, of Maryland, to be Attorney General.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL D. ROACH

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate and honor the retirement of one of my senior staff members and friend who has served in my home State of Idaho for the last 12 years as the State director of natural resources, Michael "Mike" D. Roach.

After retiring from the banking industry, Mike came to my staff after my first election to the U.S. Senate in 2009 as the regional director of my Lewiston office. However, with a bachelor's degree in wildlife-fisheries resources from the University of Idaho, I knew he was a perfect fit for the State director of natural resources position stationed in my Boise office. Shortly after starting in Lewiston, Mike helped to find his replacement in north Idaho and moved to southwestern Idaho to lead my State offices in natural resources.

Mike was born in Twin Falls and grew up in southwestern Idaho where his father worked in the cattle and banking industry. This afforded him the opportunity to work and associate with the cattle and sheep industry in Idaho and develop a deep understanding of the history, traditions, and issues of Idaho. While in college at the U of I, he worked for Idaho Fish and Game and served as a Wildlife and Range Sciences Guidance Council member for the U of I's College of Forestry. He was also appointed to the district advisory council for the Bureau of Land Management—Boise District by former Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan. With his deep roots in Idaho, he was the perfect ambassador to the diverse natural resource and conservation groups of the State like the Idaho Cattle Association, Idaho Farm Bureau, Trout Unlimited, and the Nature Conservancy.

During his 12 years of service as my natural resources director, he advised and guided my office through many complicated issues like the sage grouse recovery plan, Idaho Roadless Rule implementation, salmon and steelhead management plans, Columbia River Treaty, Good Neighbor Authority, and many other resource issues. Due to his experience and knowledge, in 2015, the University of Idaho College of Natural Resources awarded Mike Roach the Alumni Award, recognizing his career achievements in natural resources.

Another significant milestone came to pass while serving on staff; he became engaged and married to Cally Grindstaff in 2019. They now make their home in Fairfield, ID.

It is always difficult to lose a trusted staff member of Mike's caliber, but I want to wish him and Cally nothing but best wishes in their future endeavors and look forward to our continued friendship in the years ahead.

Congratulations and thank you for your outstanding service to my staff and the citizens of Idaho.